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Lisbon, May 23. *N. S.*

ON the first Instant our Army was encamped at las Ventas de Mazagana, from whence they had that day obliged the Duke of Berwick to retire. The 3d there came Deputies from Almaraz and the neighbouring Towns to make their Submission, and acknowledge their lawful Sovereign King Charles III. The 5th the Army marched to Almaraz; and all the Places on the other side of the Tagus sent Deputies in like manner, submitting to his Catholick Majesty. The 7th a Council of War was held, wherein the Portuguese Generals having resolved upon the Siege of Ciudad-Rodrigo, the Army came to Placentia the 12th, and the 14th to Coria. The 21st they advanced to Ciudad-Rodrigo. According to our Letters from Almeida, the Portuguese Troops in those Parts began their March the 21st, in order to join the Army before Ciudad-Rodrigo. The Garison of that Place consists but of one Regiment of regular Troops, and between 2 and 3000 Country People. We are in hopes it will soon be reduced, and that the Earl of Galway will then be able to prevail with the Portuguese to march to Salamanca, and from thence to Madrid.

We have no Advices from Catalonia fresher than the 25th past.

Two of our Fleets from Brazil, making together 108 Sail, very richly laden, arrived here yesterday, and the third is daily expected.

Venice, May 21. Prince Eugene has now his Head Quarters at St. Michel de Verona; his Army is 20000 strong, and is posted between Verona and Vicenza, where he expects to be shortly joined by considerable Reinforcements from Germany. Our Senate daily receives Complaints of the Disorders committed by the French in our Territories, who ruine the Country, stop the Posts, and interrupt the Commerce of this State. The Senate has appointed Two of its Members to examine into these Matters; and has given Directions for the bringing over of more Troops from Dalmatia and the Morea, to reinforce our Army, which is already 20000 strong, that it may be able to protect the Subjects of the Republick. We have received the News from several Hands, That the Count de Toulouse, with the French Fleet under his Command, was, upon the Approach of the Coutederate Fleet under Sir John Leake, retired from Barcelona to Toulon, where he arrived the 11th Instant; and that Sir John Leake came before Barcelona the 7th: That the Siege was also raised by Land; and that the Duke of Anjou was retired to Roses.

Vienna, May 22. By an Express which arrived here yesterday from Tirnau we have an Account, That the Malecontents had published the Cessation of Arms; and had notified to the Magistrates of Presbourg, That the Inhabitants of that Place might travel about the Country as they should have occation, without fear of any Molestation from them. Prince Ragonzi, and the other Chiefs of the Malecontents, are assembled at Newhausel, where it is hoped they will take such Resolutions as may tend to the restoring of the Peace and Happiness of their Country.

Berne, May 26. They write from Marseilles, That a Genoese Bark arrived there the 17th Instant, that left Barcelona the 13th; the Master whereof gives an Account, That on the 11th the French raised the Siege with great Precipitation; that they left behind them 80 Pieces of Cannon, and 40 Mortars, all nailed up, besides great quantities of Bullets, Bombs, Granadoes, and all sorts of Warlike Stores; and that it was yet uncertain which way their Army would take; but it would be very difficult for them to retreat, being very much lessened and fatigued, and the Country on every side being up in Arms against them.

Francfort, May 30. The Confederate Army under Prince Lewis of Baden continues posted along the Rhine. The French Army commanded by the Marshal de Villars made a Motion lately, with intent to have taken a small Fort we are possessed of on the other side of the Rhine, over against Manheim; but the Garison overflowing the Country about it, the Enemy's Design was thereby prevented.

From the Duke of Marlborough's Camp at Meerlebeck, June 3. *N. S.* On Tuesday the first Instant my Lord Duke of Marlborough sent Major-General Ross with a Detachment of 600 Horse to Bruges, with Letters to invite the Magistrates of that City and the Franc to the Obedience of their lawful Sovereign King Charles the Third. His Grace at the same time sent Brigadier Cadogan and Brigadier Dewitz, with 6 Squadrons each, and Letters to the same Effect, the first to the Governor of Antwerp, and the latter to the Governor of Oudenarde.

The same Day the Magistrates of the City of Ghent came hither to compliment my Lord Duke, who exhorted them to follow the Example of the Cities of Brabant, and acknowledge King Charles. Count Corneille of Nassau, Son to Monsieur d'Auverquerque, with two Battalions, marched into that City; upon which, yesterday, very early in the Morning, after some Difficulty, the Prince of Ventimille gave up the Castle, and the Marquis de Los Rios's Regiment that was in Garison there surrendred themselves Prisoners of War. My Lord Duke went about Noon to the City, and was met at the Gate by the Magistrates, who presented to him the three Keys in a Gold Bason, which his Grace returned; and was afterwards entertained at Dinner by the Count de Nassau. In the Evening the Magistrates attended his Grace again at his Quarters, and made their formal Submission to King Charles.

Brigadier Dewitz sent to acquaint his Grace at the same time, That at his coming before Oudenarde, he had summoned the Garison, consisting of one Spanish and two French Battalions, who refused to surrender; but that he had Intelligence, if a small Body of Foot, with Cannon, appeared, there was no doubt but they would capitulate: Whereupon Lieutenant-General Scholten marched with 7 Battalions, 4 Pieces of Cannon, and two Mortars; upon whose Appearance the Garison surrendred this Morning, being permitted to march out: The French are gone to Courtray, and the Spaniards towards Mons.

This Morning early his Grace received Letters from Major-General Ross and Brigadier Cadogan; the first advising, That upon his approaching Bruges, the French Battalion that was there retired, and the Magistrates were very desirous to submit themselves to King Charles; the latter acquainting his Grace, That there were 10 Battalions in the City and Castle of Antwerp, who seemed enclined to surrender upon honourable Terms: Whereupon my Lord Duke has sent the Brigadier an Authority to treat with them. To morrow we hope to have an Account that the Capitulation is agreed upon.

About 9 a Clock the Magistrates of Bruges and of the Franc waited on his Grace, to desire his Protection, and make their Submission in Form to King Charles. His Grace has also received Notice, That the Enemy had quitted Damme, and that 50 Dragoons of Major-General Ross's Detachment had taken Possession of that Place, who were relieved this day by a Dutch Regiment out of Flanders; and another is marched into Bruges.

My Lord Duke sent Colonel Durell this Afternoon with a Detachment of 150 Horse and a Letter to the Governor of Dendermonde, to summon that Place to acknowledge King Charles III. A Letter is likewise sent to Major-General Ross for the Governor of Ostend, to the same purpose.

The Bridges being laid over the Scheld and the Lys, the Army marches to morrow to Deynse.

There are 11 Battalions more of the Flanders Garisons ready to join us.

The French Army is retired behind Menin, where the Marshal de Marcin, may join them with 18 Battalions and 9 Squadrons.

Hague, June 4. *N. S.* A considerable Train of Artillery is embarking at Delf, to be sent to the Army, together with great quantities of all sorts of Warlike Stores. Several Battalions are gone out of our Garisons to join the Body of Troops under Monsieur Fagel in Flanders; and the Regiments which have been quartered here during the Winter will begin their March to morrow. Our last Letters from Paris say, That the Duke of Anjou arrived at Perpignan the 22d past, but intended to attempt returning into Spain by the Way of Navarre; and that, to enable him thereto, the Duke de la Feuillade had Orders to join him with a Detachment from Italy; the Siege of Turin being laid aside. They write from Brussels, That Monsieur d'Ibberville, who commands the French Squadron in the West-Indies, had received Orders to send back the 4 biggest Ships he had with him, which the French Court finds would have been of greater use in the Mediterranean; and that this had so weakened his Squadron, that not being in a Condition to make any further Attempt, he was sailed to Vera-Cruz, to sell the Negroes he took at St. Christophers.

The States-General have resolved to grant two Months Pay, by way of Bounty-Money, to all their Troops that were at the Battle of *Ramillies*. It is computed, that since that Action 10000 Deserters have come over to us from the Enemy. The Lord Halifax arrived at Hanover the 29th past. The Electress Dowager being informed, that his Lordship would lie the 28th within 4 Miles of that Place, sent thither Monsieur Winde, one of her Gentlemen, with a Compliment to him. The 30th his Lordship had Audience of the Elector, the Electress Dowager, and the rest of the Electoral Family, being every where received with particular Marks of Distinction.

Falmouth, May 23. The Great Rose-Tree, a Dutch Privateer, sailed hence yesterday to the Eastward, and with her two Prizes, one called the Jealousy, a French Privateer, taken some time ago by another Dutch Caper; the other called the St. Rosario of Bayonne, laden with Sugar, Coco, and other Goods.

Plimouth, May 26. The 23d Instant a Dutch Privateer came in here from Falmouth, with two Prizes, being bound for Flushing; as did also a Dutch Dogger, homeward bound from Corke. Yesterday the Squadron of Her Majesty's Ships commanded by Sir Stafford Fairborne sailed hence to the Eastward.

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